

THE FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

OPENING SESSION OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

Mr. Carlisle, Republican Speaker of the House, made a moderate reduction of the tariff—Senator Turpie, Sworn In—Other Washington News.



SPEAKER CARLISLE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A very large crowd of visitors filled the capital at some time before noon in anticipation of the opening of the Fiftyth Congress. Many more "permits" were issued for seats to the private galleries than could be honored, and the public galleries were full to overflowing half an hour before noon. There is a very full attendance in both houses. The floor of the house of representatives was crowded at 11:45, when the doorkeeper ordered it to be cleared.

Clerk Clark called the house to order at noon sharp and immediately after as the roll-call was begun a medium-sized man, about forty-two years old, with a hatted face and light red beard over his face and chin, arose, raised his right arm above his head, and casting his gray eyes heavenward, began to sing, in a loud, clear baritone, to the tune of long metre: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow;" "Praise Him All Creatures Here Below." There was considerable agitation in the galleries and on the floor of the house, and the clerk momentarily suspended the roll-call. The corridors and doors leading to the galleries were so full that the sergeant-at-arms and police, though they rushed thitherward, found great difficulty in entering at the point where the singer continued: "Praise Him Above," etc. The man continued to the end of the doxology and then sat down. Soon he was taken by the police to the captain's room.

"Who are you?" inquired a United Press reporter.

"Patrick Dugan," was the reply.

"Why did you do it?"

"To praise God. There was no prayer by the chaplain, and such assemblages should not be opened without praise to the Redeemer. Oh! I am used to this sort of treatment. I have been climbing down the Atlantic coast and being clubbed by the police at nearly every place. At Boston they tried to brain me and break out my ribs. I have a brother who wears a robe in the Roman church, and I wouldn't trade places with him." The man is weak minded, and was taken to the station house.

Many floral decorations were on the desks of members. A horseshoe of chrysanthemums, roses and lilies of the valley, and an immense cornucopia of immortelles, the whole standing seven and one-half feet high, was before the desk of Mr. Campbell, of New York. It was from the Oriental club at New York, and bore the words in the circle at the top and in immortelles: "Oriental Club to Hon. T. J. Campbell." A basket of beautiful flowers was on the desk of Mr. McAdoo, of New Jersey.

After the roll call, to which 313 members answered to their names, the house proceeded to elect a speaker. Hon. J. G. Carlisle was nominated by Mr. Cox, of New York, and Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, nominated Mr. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine. Messrs. Randall, Mills, Long and McKinley were selected as tally keepers by the clerk, and the vote resulted as follows: Carlisle, 163; Reed, 149; Brumm, 2; the last votes being cast by the independent members, Nicholls, of North Carolina, and Smith, of Wisconsin.

Mr. Carlisle was then escorted to his desk by Messrs. Cox and Reed, amid hearty applause. Mr. Kelly, of Pennsylvania, having administered the oath, the speaker brought the house to order with a tap of the gavel, and made a brief speech. He thanked the gentlemen for the honor they had conferred upon him, and dwelt upon the apprehension he felt in assuming the duties of speaker for the third time. He asked for their consideration and forbearance in his efforts to do his duty. Continuing, he said:

"There has scarcely ever been a time in our history when the continued prosperity of our country depended so largely upon legislation in congress as now, for the reason that the dangers which at this time threaten the commercial and industrial interests of the people, are the direct results of laws which congress alone can modify or repeal. It must be evident to everyone who has even taken a partial survey of public affairs, that the time has come when a revision of our revenue laws and a reduction of taxation are absolutely necessary, in order to prevent a large and dangerous accumulation of money in the treasury.

"Whether this ought or ought not to have been done heretofore is a question which it would be useless now to discuss. It is sufficient for us to know that the financial condition of the government and the private business of the people alike demand the prompt consideration of the subjects and the speedy enactment of some substantial measure of relief. Unfortunately we are menaced by dangers from opposite directions. While a policy of non-action must inevitably result sooner or later in serious injury to the country, we cannot be unmindful of the fact that hasty and inconsiderate legislation on subjects more or less affecting large financial and industrial interests might produce, temporarily at least, disturbances and embarrassments which a more prudent course would entirely avoid."

After Mr. Carlisle's speech the nominees of the Democratic caucus were elected, after which the roll was called for the selection of seats.

After the drawing of seats by members, on motion of Mr. Cox, the house at 3:30 p. m., adjourned.

THE HARPER TRIAL.

The Evidence in the Celebrated Bank Case at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 6.—The misty yet eloquent witnesses, the Fidelity books, were brought into court this morning upon a four wheeled truck. Judging from the appearance of the jury it will not be long until they, too, are brought in on wheelbarrows or ambulances.

There was nothing mean about Swift's iron and steel works. On May 24, 1887, the company drew a check upon the German National bank, this city, for \$62,000 against a balance in their favor for \$48,70.

"Was the check paid?" asked Mr. Burnett of the good old Teutonic witness, William Teuchter, individual bookkeeper of the bank.

Witness (with a grin)—It couldn't have been.

Wilshire, Eckert & Co. also indulged in the luxury of checking out large amounts against small balances. October 12, 1880, they drew for \$11,500 against a balance of \$158.40; January 31, 1887, \$17,500 against \$71.07; March 17, 1887, \$45,500 against \$13,318.09; May 28, 1887, \$250,000 against \$3,928.72; May 31, 1887, \$100,000 against same balance.

The witness who testified to these little peculiarities was Mr. Frank Marchant, individual bookkeeper of the First National bank.

Eosander Gay, individual bookkeeper of the Merchants' bank, testified that J. W. Wilshire, on May 7, 1887, drew a check on his bank for \$45,000 against a balance on that date of \$3,248.42.

Swift's did a little of the withdrawing business at S. Kuhn & Sons', according to Walter Wirthwein, of that bank. May 28, 1887, the company drew a check for \$50,000 against a balance of \$313.31; June 15, 1887, \$33,000 against \$63.17.

The government attorneys are quite a merry crowd to-day, as the prosecution will rest its case to-morrow.

ROBINSON'S TURN.

The Last of the Ravenna Desperadoes On Trial.

RAVENNA, O., Dec. 6.—The late of the three great murder trials, in which Jimmie Robinson will figure as the principal attraction, promises more sensational developments than either of the preceding ones. Thomas Marshall, of Pittsburgh, assisted by Edly and Nichols, will defend Robinson. The attorneys for the state are the same as in the other trials.

Robinson had a very thoughtful expression on his face when he was brought into the court room yesterday morning. The fate of Coughlin has no doubt affected him. Immediately on the opening of court the defense presented a motion for a change of venue, saying that they would present affidavits to support it after dinner. Accordingly an adjournment was taken until afternoon. Upon convening of court in the afternoon the defense presented two affidavits, one from S. M. Eldy and the other from P. H. Phelps, a Ravenna attorney, in which they claimed that the defendant could not get a fair trial in Portage county. A counter affidavit was filed by the state, signed by a dozen prominent business men setting forth that there was no reason why the defendant could not have a fair and impartial trial in Portage county.

The documents were presented to the court without argument. After carefully perusing them, the court said: "The disposition on the part of the people of the county is to give the defendant a fair trial. I have more faith in the good judgment and honest intention of the people, and I think the motion will be overruled. Gentlemen, you may proceed," and the interrogating mill began to grind.

At 6 o'clock last evening the special venire of forty jurors had been exhausted, and only ten jurors held seats in the box. A special venire was issued for thirty-six jurors, to appear at 6 o'clock in the morning.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Topics of the Times Given in a Terse and Spley Manner.

Harding, the Xenia, Ohio murderer, has been sent to the insane asylum.

Frank Suter, colored vagrant, will be sold for one year at Owensboro, Ky.

Saloon at Cutler, Ind., was totally demolished by giant powder placed under it by hands unknown.

A stout woman with a robust tongue is said to be playing a subscription-book swindle on the Steubenvillians.

This world and the big gas wells are fleeting shows. It is rumored that many of the latter in Ohio are turning to oil.

Missing Etie Steckle, of Logansport, Ind., has been found in a hospitable farm house, where she was taken in an exhausted condition.

Mrs. Snoots, on trial for murder at Zanesville, O., says the courts might as well keep their snoots out of her business, because she didn't do it.

Mrs. Charles Anderson, of Hamilton, O., is not of a domestic turn of mind. She has deserted her lawful fellow and six little fellows and run off with a Tucker.

Lieutenant Governor Kennedy, of Ohio, has resigned, his mantle of office will fall upon the shoulders of the oldest senator present at the opening of the legislature.

Rev. McNutt, of Indianapolis, read an essay endorsing the billiard table as a home amusement, and every minister in the capital city is rooting on his collar.

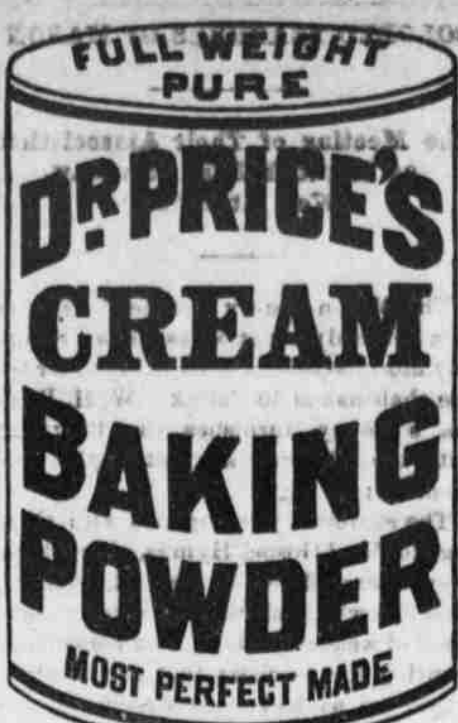
Julius Baker, Hamilton, O., fish dealer, was fished out of the river Jordan, which he was endeavoring to cross with a rope; he sobered up, and is glad he is still on this side.

The body of a murdered child was found in the cemetery at Urbana, O., with a note pinned to its clothes saying: "Bury, and say nothing about it." Coroner is investigating.

Two engines on the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio railroad, at Old Fargo, O., tried to pass on the same road, tore up the track, smashed coal cars and seriously injured Engineer Hyde Miller.

At Paris, Ky., John Collins tried to kill the girl who jilted him, but naturally couldn't when he shot a-miss, whereupon her brother filled Collins so full of bullets that he won't have time to think of his damaged affections for many days.

Grant Metcalf, of Portsmouth, O., is a life preserver from away back. When he saw Mrs. Parker rushing into the street with her clothing on fire he threw down his gun and rushed for water. The gun exploded, dangerously wounding two bystanders, and when the excited young man returned with the water he poured it on the girl instead of the woman.



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